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APPLE IPAD LAUNCH

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Let the wild rumpus start. The customary storefront crowds are expected to gather as Apple's latest iPad goes on sale Friday. Long lines are likely even though customers could have ordered the new tablet computer ahead of time for first-day home delivery. The third version of Apple's iPad will be available in the U.S. and nine other countries beginning at 8 a.m. local time. The new model comes with a faster processor and a much sharper screen. It also boasts an improved camera, similar to that of the latest iPhone. For many customers, visiting a store in person -- instead of

having one shipped -- offers consumers a chance to mingle with die-hard Apple fans.

MISSISSIPPI IMMIGRATION BILL

VO: 21

Eight years after her baby boy disappeared, Auboni Champion-Morin is looking forward to embracing the child authorities believe is her son. "I want to tell him that I love him," Champion-Morin, said Thursday, her voice cracking and wiping away tears, after an emergency court hearing gave the state at least temporary custody of previously missing Miguel Morin. "It's frustrating. I'm so tired of waiting." Experts say the child also may experience frustration, though for entirely different reasons. Miguel will be meeting a mother and father who are complete strangers to him, and the woman he has known as his mother is now accused of kidnapping him when he was 8 months old.

GAS PRICES - AIRLINES FARES EXPECTED TO SOAR

VO: 35

Airfares this year are expected to take off. Industry analysts say the price of crude oil is driving up the cost of jet fuel. Airlines raised ticket prices twice already this year. Jet fuel makes up about 35 percent of an airline's operating cost. Earlier this week, Southwest Airlines, which is consistently profitable, said it won't post a profit for January, February and March because of fuel prices.

ALCOHOL AND SEX

VO: 29

Guys, when your sweetheart says "No thanks" to sex, do you knock back a few stiff drinks to feel better? Turns out fruit flies do pretty much the same thing. That's the word from a new study that may explain why both species react that way. In Friday's issue of the journal Science, researchers propose a biological explanation for why "Not tonight, dear" may lead to "Gimme another beer." If it proves true in people, it may help scientists find new medications to fight alcoholism. In that case, we can thank thousands of frustrated flies. One by one, these eager Lotharios were put into a container with a female that had just mated. So she was really, really not interested in doing it again anytime soon. She would run away. She would kick the male. She would stick out her egg-laying organ to hold him at bay. The male flies went through three hour-long sessions of this every day for four days, enough rejection to discourage them from trying any more. After that experience, rejected flies were put in vials and given a choice of regular food or alcohol-laced food. They consistently went for the alcohol more than did the male flies that had just mated. In fact, they evidently got plastered. Some rejected males were moved to a different environment, where groups of guys mingled with receptive females. After the guys had sex, their yen for alcohol declined. The researchers also paired thousands of other male flies with dead virgin females, so that they didn't experience rejection but didn't have sex either. They still hit the sauce.

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MOST CORRUPTIBLE STATES

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The garden state - well known for its reputation for widespread corruption - took the surprising first-place spot with a b+ score of 87 points, thanks to the steps its statehouse has taken to enforce anti-corruption laws. "new jersey's strong points are clear: Extensive financial disclosure requirements for the governor, a transparently-run pension fund, and an aggressive ethics enforcement agency," the investigation said. "the state also boasts some of the nation's toughest anti-pay-to-play laws for contractors." illinois, easily considered one of the most "corrupt" states in the nation (and deemed so in a recent university of illinois study), is a case and point of how a "most corrupt" label can actually be misleading, the study pointed out.

"a hefty number of prosecutions may actually suggest the system is working - corrupt behavior is rooted out and perpetrators are punished," it said. "states with relatively low numbers of convictions are not necessarily more accountable, but perhaps less equipped to sniff out malfeasance and go after the bad guys." illinois was ranked an impressive 10th place, receiving a c grade of 74 points, by the state integrity investigation.

UPS BUYS RIVAL TNT EXPRESS FOR NEARLY \$7 BILLION

VO: 20

U-P-S is expanding its global reach. The atlanta based company has agreed to acquire rival delivery service company t-n-t express in a six-point-eight-billion-dollar deal. U-P-S will pay about \$12.50 in cash per share for the dutch company. That's an increase of more than 50-percent since negotiations were first announced february 16th. The merger will expand the company's presence in europe, asia and latin america.

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GOP'S BUDGET TARGETS TAXES

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House Republicans, searching for an election-year message amid a muddled political and economic landscape, will introduce a 2013 budget Tuesday that cuts tax rates and provides for just two individual brackets of 10% and 25%. The budget would end the Alternative Minimum Tax, which originally was aimed at the wealthy but ensnares a growing number of middle-class taxpayers each year. The plan would nearly eliminate U.S. taxes on American corporations' earnings from overseas operations.

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AZ:UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT PROTEST

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A protest against Arizona's immigration policies landed six people behind bars in Phoenix. Police arrested two men and four women during a demonstration outside a high school. They are expected to be charged with disorderly conduct and blocking a street. Those arrested were among more than one-hundred people who took part in the demonstration late Tuesday afternoon. The group marched in support of the DREAM Act a proposal that would give undocumented students a path to citizenship. The message of the protest was that people who are living in this country illegally should not have to live in fear.

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GAS PRICES

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Some families are canceling vacations while others are buying their gas a gallon at a time. From all corners of the country, Americans of all kinds are irritated these days by record-high fuel prices. Fill-ups have soared above \$4 a gallon in some states and could top \$5 by summer. The cost is becoming a political issue just as the presidential campaign kicks into high gear. A Gallup poll this month found 85 percent of U.S. adults believe the president and Congress should take immediate actions to try to control the rising price of gas. Meanwhile, fishermen from Maine to Louisiana say they are watching their profits burn up along with their boats' gasoline. Building contractors, tour boat operators and others say they are passing the cost on to consumers.

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MISSISSIPPI IMMIGRATION LAW

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Four police and public official groups in Mississippi oppose the state's immigration measure, which they worry will have an adverse impact on police and local government. The Associated Press obtained a letter given to senators Monday by the president of Mississippi Sheriffs' Association and the executive directors of the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police, the Mississippi Municipal League and the Mississippi Association of Supervisors.

GEORGIA IMMIGRATION LAW

VO: 24

Georgia legislators are considering a proposal that would bar undocumented immigrants from receiving marriage licenses or access to water and sewage. The bill sponsored by Sen. Barry Loudermilk, R-Cassville, has gotten a lot of attention because it would also bar undocumented immigrants from the state's public colleges, universities and technical schools. But another provision that's generated very little discussion removes foreign passports from a list of identification documents that government agencies can accept for certain transactions. To be acceptable, foreign passports would have to be accompanied by federal immigration documentation proving someone is in the country legally

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NORTH CAROLINA IMMIGRATION LAW LATEST

VO: 28

A special legislative committee that promised a dispassionate review of the state's immigration policies heard plenty of passionate words from immigrant advocates and their critics during a two-hour hearing Wednesday. One by one, speakers came to the lectern to tell their stories for the first time to lawmakers. Pastor Sandro Pereira said he came to this country as an illegal immigrant but became a naturalized citizen. Giorrana Hurtod, an illegal immigrant, said she graduated high school and wants a chance to go to college. And Juan Ortega, also in the country illegally, said he is in high school looking for "a brighter tomorrow."

CALIFORNIA ASKS FOR ARIZONA IMMIGRATION LAW REVOCATION

VO: 23

The state of California is joining 10 other states asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn an immigration law implemented by the state of Arizona. Vermont Attorney General Bill Sorrell and the other states claim Arizona's immigration law requires state law enforcement officers to detain and arrest individuals who appear to be illegal immigrants. Sorrell and the other attorneys general maintain U.S. immigration police can only be made and enforced by the federal government. The states include New York and California, and filed a friend of the court brief that is part of a challenge to the Arizona law that will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court next month.

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SUPREME COURT-HEALTH CARE

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A vote today by the Supreme Court on President Barack Obama's health care overhaul will go a long way toward determining its fate but still may not be the final word. The decision and accompanying opinions won't be released until sometime in late June. Minds and winners have changed before in the time between the vote and the actual opinion. The justices will meet in a wood-paneled conference room on the court's main

floor. No one else will be present. The late Chief Justice William Rehnquist has written that the court's conference "is not a bull session."

Brian Fitzpatrick, a Vanderbilt University law professor who once worked for Justice Antonin Scalia, says it's not a debate either. No one's vote counts more than the others', but because they speak in order of seniority, it will become clear fairly quickly what may become of the law.

LOST IN IRS TAX-REFUND SCAM

VO: 28

The IRS could be out of billions of dollars because of a scam using stolen identities. Officials say the crooks filed fake tax returns using social security numbers belonging to Puerto Rican citizens who don't pay federal income taxes. Because of that, they aren't likely to be on the IRS' radar. Prosecutors say in some cases, U-S mail carriers were paid to intercept refund checks. Some arrests and convictions have been made, but one U-S attorney says they haven't gotten the top players yet. So far, the convictions include mail carriers, tax preparers and check cashers. The scam has apparently been going on for years and the IRS may have sent out two billion dollars in checks.

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